

## **Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (July-September 2009)**

### **I. Education/Schools/Youth**

Greater Boston L 07/16/09 7pm, 30 min

Summer Jobs - This year, the Private Industry Council (PIC) placed 4,000 Boston students in jobs. The PIC places school-to-career counselors who recruit workplace supervisors and prepare young people with the kinds of job-search skills and work habits they need.

Project Dropout L 09/06/09 7pm, 60 min

Emily Rooney, WBUR's David Boeri and Maria Hinojosa host "Project Dropout"-a multimedia program examining the state's dropout crisis.

Basic Black L 09/06/2009 12:30pm, 30 min

In this Eye on Education episode of Basic Black, host Kim McLarin speaks with Paul Reville, the state's newly appointed Secretary of Education. Reville discusses the state's Readiness Project, the achievement gap, and preparing Massachusetts' students to compete in the global arena.

### **II. Housing/Urban Development**

Greater Boston L 07/01/09 7pm, 30 min

Restaurant on the Common - City parks officials expect to start taking bids early next year from prospective restaurateurs vying to take over a vacant cement building near the Common tennis courts.

Greater Boston L 07/17/09 7pm, 30 min

Developer Don Chiofaro wants to replace the 7-story Harbor Garage with twin towers on the waterfront. In its place would be 40 and 59 story buildings that would include ground-floor retail, 860,000 square feet of office space, a 350-room hotel and 130 condominiums.

Blueprint America: Road to the Future N 09/24/09 8pm, 60 min

Miles O'Brien, former aviation and science correspondent for CNN, hosts this documentary about innovative infrastructure projects being discussed and created in Portland, Denver and New York City.

### **III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice**

Greater Boston L 07/01/09 7pm, 30 min

Elderly Drivers - After the fifth accident involving elderly drivers in four weeks, the Joint Committee on Transportation met to begin considering legislation to handle the problem.

Greater Boston L 07/03/09 7pm, 30 min

The FBI arrested two men who they suspect may be behind the "U30" bank robberies. The men were captured after attempting to heist the Sovereign Bank in Needham.

Greater Boston L 07/21/09 7pm, 30 min

Aiden Quinn, the T conductor behind the May 8th Green Line crash will be arraigned today on a negligence charge in Suffolk Superior Court. Quinn faces up to three years in prison.

### **IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups**

Greater Boston L 07/09/09 7pm, 30 min

The Cape Cod Fisheries Trust is in the midst of a \$10 million fundraising campaign to help buy up fishing permits. The goal is to preserve the viability of the Cape's small, family-based fisheries.

Greater Boston L 07/14/09 7pm, 30 min

The legislature is considering a bill banning discrimination against transgendered people. If passed, it will add "gender identity and expression" to the state's discrimination and hate crime laws.

Greater Boston L 07/14/09 7pm, 30 min

Gov. Deval Patrick today criticized officials at Zoo New England for falsely claiming the Franklin Park Zoo and the Stone Zoo would have to close and some animals would be euthanized because of budget cuts.

### **V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty**

Greater Boston L 07/15/09 7pm, 30 min

Yolanda Cellucci - Boston's bridal boutique diva Yolanda Cellucci explains why her business, Yolanda's of Waltham, will close down after almost four decades.

Spring Air - Entrepreneur Eddie Bates is back to work at the Spring Air mattress factory he started and then sold. In May, the Spring Air Company suddenly shut down its nine US plants, stunning factory employees.

Greater Boston L 07/23/09 7pm, 30 min

On Monday, the Newspaper Guild voted and approved a \$10 million package of pay and benefit cuts. This comes after nearly four months of bitter negotiations.

Wide Angle: The Market Maker N 07/24/09 10:00pm, 60 min

Eleni Gabre-Madhin is a woman with a dream. The charismatic Ethiopian economist wants to end hunger in her famine-plagued country. But rather than relying on foreign aid or new agricultural technology, hers is a truly radical plan: she designed the nation's first commodities exchange, which she hopes will revolutionize an age-old market system whose inefficiencies have been partly responsible for the country's persistent food shortages.

## **VI. Environment/Ecology**

Now on PBS N 07/03/09 8:30am, 30 min

Global warming is front and center in Washington with the passage of the climate bill in the House. We look below the surface at a growing body of evidence that suggests climate change is affecting the chemistry of the seas, which could have potentially catastrophic results on the way we live. NOW travels deep into our oceans with a scientist from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and help from other researchers for a first hand look at this stunning sea change, and what we can do about it.

Greater Boston L 07/23/09 7pm, 30 min

An invasive species called the zebra mussel has made its way to Massachusetts for the first time. Laurel Lake in the Berkshires has been closed to public boats in fear of spreading the destructive mollusks.

Greater Boston L 08/11/09 7pm, 30 min

Tomato Blight - Heavy rains have helped late blight fungus ravage tomato crops across Massachusetts and is particularly worrisome to organic farmers.

Boston Harbor Cleanup tragedy - The Boston Globe's Neil Swidey recalls a dramatic rescue mission that was previously untold.

## **VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services**

Greater Boston L 07/29/09 7pm, 30 min

Calling My Children is a documentary by David Binder, who followed Gail Farrow, a Mission Hill woman, during the final 18 months of her life. Farrow had contracted HIV after a blood transfusion.

Greater Boston L 08/11/09 7pm, 30 min

Rep. Massachusetts Rep. Niki Tsongas discusses President Obama's health care reform plan.

Greater Boston L 09/18/09 7pm, 30 min

Tooth Eye Procedure - A team of specialists from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine restored Sharron "Kay" Thornton's vision by attaching a prosthetic lens to one of her teeth.

## **VIII. Economy/ Business**

Greater Boston L 07/02/09 7pm, 30 min

Gov. Deval Patrick discusses pension and ethics reform, the transportation overhaul that he recently signed into law and how the state will meet its budget challenges.

Greater Boston L 07/10/09 7pm, 30 min

Tall Ships - Sail Boston 2009 officially kicked off yesterday as all remaining ships come to port. The number of visitors and the projected revenue is down significantly since the Tall Ships last appearance in 2000.

Greater Boston L 08/05/09 7pm, 30 min

Massachusetts Congressman John Tierney discusses healthcare reform and the economy.

## **IX. Family/Morality/Religion**

Greater Boston L 07/03/09 7pm, 30 min

The Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center officially opened the largest mosque in New England last Friday. The \$15.6 million project took 20 years of planning and controversy.

Greater Boston L 09/10/09 7pm, 30 min

The SpeakEasy Stage presents "The Savannah Disputation" starring Nancy Carroll and Paula Plum. It is the story of two sisters whose Catholic faith is rocked after a visit from a young Pentecostal missionary.

Greater Boston L 09/11/09 7pm, 30 min

In October 1998, Judy and Dennis Shepard lost their 21 year-old son, Matthew, to a murder motivated by anti-gay hate. Judy discusses the tragedy in her new book, The Meaning of Matthew.

